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(U) This cable responds to ref A action request. Paraguay's bilateral relationship with Cuba has not changed substantially since last reporting (ref B). President Fernando Lugo met Cuban President Raul Castro during the April 14-15 Bolivarian Alternative for the Americas Summit in Caracas. Lugo will visit Cuba June 3-4 for bilateral meetings; his stated purpose is to "strengthen ties of cooperation and friendship in health, education, and culture." In the past six months, high-level Paraguayan officials have reaffirmed solidarity with Cuba and opposed the U.S. embargo on Cuba.

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